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## Student Privacy and Data Suppression Policy Exceptions

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Data File	Exception Date	Description of Exception
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) data	11.2020	OSSE will continue its current format in suppressing Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) data, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting practices.
DC School Report Card	11.2020	For the DC School Report Card, OSSE will not suppress metric points earned. However, OSSE shall apply this policy toward n-sizes of the underlying data used to calculate metric scores.
Discipline	11.2020	The Data Suppression Policy will not apply to counts of discipline events because they are not student specific. However, in cases where the count would, by its nature, provide information about any or all students, then OSSE would suppress to prevent student identification. For example, if a discipline event count is 0 or 1, OSSE will report it as $\leq 1$ .
Gender	11.2020	When reporting gender, in accordance with OSSE's Gender Data Collection, Reporting, and Use Memo, OSSE will report on the non-binary gender value (X) in state level reporting only. This will protect student privacy at the LEA and school level while providing transparency of OSSE's data collection at the state level.
Enrollment	2.2021	OSSE will not apply the top/bottom suppression method to cells with enrollment counts of 100% for schools whose public and written purpose is to serve special populations of students. These instances include the funding fields where 100% of students are enrolled as special education (SPED) or adult (ADULT).

### Further Information

For more information on this policy, please contact [OSSE.datasharing@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.datasharing@dc.gov).